Oil/gas struck at Adiyakkamangalam in the Cauvery land basin

2841. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC had struck oil/gas in the fourth well at Adiyak-kamangalam in the Cauvery land basin;

(b) if so, what is the extent of oil and gas reserves available from this well and the total amount of reserves struck so far in the Cauvery basin; and

(c) what other areas in the basin are being explored for oil and gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROL-EUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fourth well on the Adiyak kamangalam structure produced oil at the rate of 33 cubic metres a day through 10/64" choke during conven tional testing. The structure is still under delineation, and it would be premature to state its reserves without total evaluation.

The total geological reserves of the Cauvery basin, both onland and off-shore, as estimated on 1-1-90, were 67/68 million tonnes of oil and oil equivalent of gas.

(c) The areas of basin which are under active exploration are around Bhuvanagiri, Kovilkalappal, Nari-manam, Nannilam, Karaikal, besides Adiyakkamangalam, Further in off shore also exploration is continuing.

Partisan treatment to Small Scale Indistries in working out credit urantee system

2842. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRI V1SHWASRAO RAM RAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the PTI news of 9th July, 1990, from Madras regarding complaint of Small Scale Industries Association regarding partisan treatment in working out credit guarantee system;

(b) whether it is a fact that targe industries employing small industries as ancillary units and delay the payment beyond RBI stipulations; and

(c) if so, whether Government will take steps to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Complaints are received from small scale/ancillary units and Industry Association regarding delay in payment of bills by large scale/mother units to small scale/ ancillary industrial units.

(c) Government is examining in consultation with other Depart-ments/Ministries, the possibilty of introducing a legislation regarding prompt payment and other problems of small scale industries.

Information in respect of credit guarantee scheme is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Improving Blood Collection system

2843. SHRI MENTAY PAD-MANABHAM: Will the Minister